(b) the representation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes clerks in NFL; and

(c) whether the quota of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes had been filled up so far in the above grade in NFL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The total number of clerks viz Steno-Clerk, Jr. Steno-Cerk, Typist-Clerk and Accounts Clerk in National Fertilizers Limited, as on 31-7-1988, were 192. Out of these, 43 were Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 5 were Scheduled Tribes (STs).

(c) The Instructions of Government regarding reservation of Posts for Scheduled Castse and Scheduled Tribes are strictly being followed by National Fertilizers Limited.

Modernisation of Power Plants of SAIL

2180. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL has launched a scheme to modernise its power plants;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and allocation of funds therefor; and

(c) by when these programmes are likely to be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) SAIL have conducted some preliminary studies on the working of its existing captive power plants with a view to estimating the cost of renovation schemes for these power plants, the funds for which are expected to be made available from SAIL's internal sources.

THE implementation scheduled etc., will be worked out after the detailed studies of existing power plants, presently being carried out, are completed.

Panchayat Election in the States

2181. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has urged all the States to hold Panchayat elections for revival of Panchayat Raj in the country;

(b)the States which have so far conducted Panchayat elections for the last three years; and

(c) the States which have not conducted Panchayat elections so far in the country and what steps Government are taking for enabling the State Governments to hold Panchayat elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Letters have been addressed to Chief Ministers of States by Prime Minister urging them to hold elections to various Panchayati Raj bodies regularly.

(b) and (c) A Statement showing the status of the elections to the Panchayati Raj bodies in different States is attached (*See* below). State Governments are continuously being impressed on the need to hold timely elections to Panchayat Raj institutions.